## **INSPECTION REPORT**

Partial XXX Complete Exploration Inspection Date: 08/14/2003 Time: 9:00am-3:00pm Date of Last Inspection: 07/18/2003

Mine Name: Skyline N	Mine Cour	nty: <u>Carbon</u>	Permit Num	ber: <u>C/007/005</u>		
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.						
Business Address:	HC 35 Box 380	O, Helper, Utah 8452	6			
Company Official(s): _	Chris Hansen					
State Official(s):	Stephen J. Dem	czak Federal Officia	al(s): None			
Weather Conditions: Warm, 80's, Sunny						
Type of Mining Activit	ty: Underground	d XXX Surface	Prep Plant	Other		
Existing Acreage: Peri	mitted 10,374	Disturbed 79.12	Regraded	Seeded		
Status: <u>Active</u>			-			

## REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - b. For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]		[X]	
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS		$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
3.	TOPSOIL	[X]		[X]	$\Box$
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	$\Box$		$\Box$	$\Box$
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[X]		[X]	
d.	WATER MONITORING		$\Box$	$\Box$	
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS		$\Box$	$\Box$	
5.	EXPLOSIVES		$\Box$		$\Box$
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES				$\Box$
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[X] [X]	$\Box$	[X] [X]	
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	$\Box$
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED				
	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES			$\Box$	
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	$\Box$		$\Box$	
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING			$\Box$	
13.	REVEGETATION				
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS				
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	$\Box$
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS				
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	$\Box$	$\Box$		$\Box$
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
19.	AVS CHECK (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter- April, May, June)				
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

# 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The permittee is in the planning process of reclaiming the South Fork Portals this fall. The minimum work is to just seal the portals. The South Fork Portals have three openings. The road to the portals will need to be slightly graded and two culverts need to be re-installed. This would enable the transportation of blocks and mortar for the construction of the seals. The permittee cannot bring the materials from underground to the portals, since the entries are cribbed in several areas making it impossible for vehicles to travel. Backfilling the portals and reclaiming the pad area would be done in 2004. The permittee would need to submit an amendment and receive approval prior to reclamation of the pad area.

A second plan would be to seal the portals and backfill the entries for 25 feet as required by MSHA. This would require earthmoving equipment to remove subsoil and using this material as backfill. These stockpiles are located on the road next to the portals. The permittee would reclaim the pad area in 2004. The permittee would need to submit an amendment and receive approval prior to reclamation of the pad area. Additional field work would be needed for sediment control from the disturbed area (subsoil piles).

The third option would be to seal and reclaim the South Fork Portals in the fall of 2003. The permittee would need to submit an amendment to the Division to revise the Mining and Reclamation Plan prior to reclamation of the South Fork Portals. Sealing is already approved and could commence without Division approval.

All three plans would require an amendment to the Division and receive an approval prior to reclamation of the South Fork Portals. The permittee would need to change the cross-section to indicate the bedding areas for wildlife, slope stability, road reclamation (ripping and seeding), and to address the use of refuse material as backfill material. Drainage and sediment control may be required if not indicated in the current reclamation plan.

## 3. TOPSOIL

The topsoil pile at the South Fork Portals were inspected and are well vegetated. This material will be used to reclaim the South Fork Portals. This area is classified as an alternate sediment control area.

### 4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions were spot-checked and were functioning as designed.

The permittee will have to install two road culverts prior to transporting the cement blocks to the South Fork Portals.

#### 4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

A berm surrounds the pad area at the South Fork Portal area. The water from runoff goes into the mine.

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## 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee will need Division approval to place refuse material against the highwall at the South Fork Portals.

## 8. NONCOAL WASTE

The South Fork Portal was clear of non-coal waste material.

# 16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

Some minor grading will be needed to the road that leads to the South Fork Portals. Two drainages go across the road. These areas will need to have culverts to pass the water. There are culverts lying next to the road from the initial construction of the South Fork Portals.

Inspector's Signature: _			Date:	August 15, 2003
_	Stephen J. Demczak	#39		-

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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